

REMARKS

This letter is in response to the Office action dated January 8, 2007. Prior to this response, claims 1-163 were pending. With this Response, Claims 1-43, 68-70 and 151-154 remain pending. Claims 44-67, 71-150, and 155-163 have been withdrawn.

Restriction Requirement

The Office action requires restriction to one of the following:

Group I – Claims 38-43 and in part 1-37, 68-70 and 151-154, drawn to A method for separating morphine.

Group II – Claims 44-67 and in part 1-37, 68-70 and 151-154, drawn to A method for separating codeine.

Group III – Claims 71-76 and in part 1-37, 68-70 and 151-154, drawn to A method for separating oripavine.

Group IV – Claims 77-116 and in part 1-37, 68-70 and 151-154, drawn to A method for separating thebaine.

Group V – Claims 117-148 and in part 1-37, 68-70 and 151-154, drawn to A method for separating narcotine.

Group VI – Claims 149, 150 and in part 1-37, 68-70 and 151-154, drawn to A method for separating papaverine.

Group VII – Claims 155-163, drawn to A system for separating narcotic alkaloids.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I corresponding to claims 38-43, and in part 1-37, 68-70 and 151-154 drawn to a method for separating morphine. Claims 44-67, 71-150, and 155-163 have been withdrawn in accordance with applicants' election. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection with this Response to Restriction Requirement to Deposit Account Number 13-1160.

Respectfully submitted,
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